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Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Programme planning" and to allocate programme 23, Public information, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007 under that agenda item to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

2. The Fourth Committee, in connection with consideration of item 78, "Questions relating to information", also considered programme 23, Public information, at its 14th, 15th and 19th meetings, on 21, 25 and 29 October 2004 (see A/C.4/59/SR.14, 15 and 19).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-fourth session;[1]

(b) Proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007: Programme 23, Public information.[2]

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/59/16).
[2] A/59/6 (Prog. 23).

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II. Consideration of the item

4. In connection with consideration of the item, informal consultations were held among members of the Committee, chaired by Mr. Kais Kabtani (Tunisia) in his capacity as Facilitator.

5. At its 19th meeting, on 29 October, the Committee approved the changes made to programme 23, Public information, as contained in document A/59/6 (Prog. 23). The agreed text was forwarded through the President of the General Assembly to the Fifth Committee for its consideration in the context of the overall strategic framework for the period 2006-2007 (see A/C.5/59/14).